

Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic fund transfer kiosk operable to provide a ticket to be used at a gaming device remote from the kiosk, the kiosk comprising:

a controller that communicates over ~~at least one~~ an electronic fund transfer network with a remote fund repository and over a ticket validation network with a ticket validation system, wherein the electronic fund transfer network is separate from the ticket validation network;

a display operable with the controller to display electronic fund transfer information to a person;

an input device operable with the controller to enable the person to enter electronic fund transfer information;

a ticket printer operable with the controller to issue to the person the ticket, wherein the ticket ~~includes~~ has a value associated with an approved electronic fund transfer from the remote fund repository via the electronic fund transfer network, and the ticket includes identification information readable by the remote gaming device for validation of the ticket by the ticket validation system via the ticket validation network; and

a housing that supports the controller, display, input device and ticket printer.

Claim 2 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the input device includes a multi-button keypad.

Claim 3 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the

ticket printer is a thermal printer.

Claim 4 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the display includes a vacuum fluorescent display.

Claim 5 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the input device includes a touch screen operable with the display.

Claim 6 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, which includes a ticket reader operable with the controller and a supply of cash stored within the housing, at least a portion of the cash provided to the person in exchange for a ticket printed by the remote gaming device.

Claim 7 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, which includes a receipt printer operable with the controller to provide a receipt to the person confirming an amount of the approved electronic fund transfer.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the electronic fund transfer network is a wide area network.

Claim 9 (original): The electronic fund transfer kiosk of Claim 1, wherein the identification information includes a bar code.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A system for electronically transferring funds comprising:

a gaming device having a ticket reader and a processor operable with the ticket reader, the processor operable to communicate with a ticket validation system via a ticket validation network;

an electronic fund transfer kiosk having a ticket printer and a controller that operates with the ticket printer, the controller communicating via ~~at least one~~an electronic transfer network with a remote fund repository and via the ticket validation network with the ticket validation system, the electronic fund transfer network being separate from the ticket validation network; and

a ticket having a value associated with an electronic fund transfer approved by the remote fund repository via the electronic transfer network, the ticket issued by the ticket printer having identification information readable by the ticket reader for validation of the ticket by the ticket validation system via the ticket validation network.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10, wherein the electronic transfer network operating with the controller links a plurality of electronic fund transfer kiosks.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The system of Claim 10, wherein the electronic transfer network operating with the controller links a plurality of remote fund repositories.

Claim 13 (original): The system of Claim 10, wherein the gaming device is located proximate to the electronic fund transfer kiosk.

Claim 14 (original): The system of Claim 10, which includes a plurality of gaming

devices, each gaming device including one of the ticket readers.

Claim 15 (original): The system of Claim 14, wherein each of the gaming devices is located proximate to the electronic fund transfer kiosk.

Claim 16 (original): The system of Claim 14, wherein at least two of the gaming devices are different types of gaming devices.

Claim 17 (original): The system of Claim 10, wherein the ticket validation network is local within a gaming establishment.

Claim 18 (original): The system of Claim 10, which includes an operator interface device that operates with the ticket validation network to verify the ticket.

Claim 19 (original): The system of Claim 10, wherein the ticket validation network is a fiber-optic network.

Claim 20 (original): The system of Claim 10, which includes a card reader operable with the controller, the card reader accepting at least one card selected from the group consisting of: a credit card, a debit card, a gaming establishment card and any combination thereof.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method of providing funds for use at a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting electronically a fund request from an electronic fund transfer kiosk to a remote fund repository via an electronic fund transfer network;

receiving, at the electronic fund transfer kiosk, a response from the remote fund repository via the electronic fund transfer network; and

receiving, at the electronic fund transfer kiosk, identification information from a ticket validation system via a ticket validation network, the ticket validation network being separate from the electronic fund transfer network;

printing a ticket including the identification information, the ticket having a value associated with an approved electronic fund transfer if the response is an approval; and

enabling the ticket to be inserted into the gaming device for validation of the ticket by the ticket validation system via the ticket validation network, and the ticket being used to provide at least one gaming device credit.

Claim 22 (original): The method of Claim 21, which includes issuing a receipt with the ticket, the receipt verifying an amount of the approved electronic fund transfer.

Claim 23 (original): The method of Claim 21, which includes validating the ticket before providing at least one gaming device credit.

Claim 24 (original): The method of Claim 21, which includes providing account information if the response is a rejection.

Claim 25 (original): The method of Claim 21, wherein transmitting the fund request includes transmitting the request over an internet.